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Lantos: Homeland Security's Inquiry About Postponing Elections Does a Disservice to America

(Washington, DC) – *Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo/San Francisco), a senior member of the House Government Reform Committee, made the following statement today in response to news reports that the Department of Homeland Security has sought the Justice Department's view on the possibility of postponing the November elections to avoid the risk of terrorist disruption:*

“The last signal that the United States wants to send to the terrorists of the world is that their threats or actions can influence our elections, which under our system of government are scheduled according to the Constitution. Worse yet would be to postpone voting due to unfounded fear. Merely by hinting at such a possibility, the Homeland Security Department has done the citizens of this country a disservice.”

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